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TAGS: CASC, MX (BACHER, FREDERICK A., JR.)
SUBJ: W/W: FREDERICK A. BACHER, JR.

REF: MATTHEWS-MCLENDON TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF 2/10/77;
STATE 028449; AND MAZATLAN 63, 65, 67 AND PREVIOUS.

AS REQUESTED, THERE FOLLOWS A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE BACHER
CASE: CONSULATE FIRST LEARNED OF BACHER'S POSSIBLE
DISAPPEARANCE FROM OWNER OF POSADA MORALES IN SAN BLAS,
NAYARIT, WHO REPORTED BACHER HAD NOT PICKED UP HIS
RESERVATION, THAT HE WAS A REGULAR CUSTOMER WHO HAD BEEN
WINTERING THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS AND WAS NEVER LATE.
CONSULATE CONTACTED MRS. BACHER WHO REPORTED THAT SHE HAD
LAST HEARD FROM HUSBAND VIA A POSTCARD FROM TUCSON DATED
NOVEMBER 27 WHICH STATED HE WAS ABOUT TO CROSS THE BORDER.
CONSULATE CHECKED USUAL LOCAL SOURCES TO TRY TO LOCATE HIM
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ON DECEMBER 6, CONSUL REQUESTED CONGEN HERMOSILLO ASCERTAIN
FROM MEXICAN IMMIGRATION WHETHER BACHER ACTUALLY CROSSED BORDER.
ON DECEMBER 7, NEGATIVE REPLY WAS RECEIVED. MRS. BACHER
EMPLOYED INVESTIGATOR WHO ALSO CONTACTED MEXICAN IMMIGRATION
AUTHORITIES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BECAUSE NO EVIDENCE OF
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BACHER'S ENTRY MEXICO, SEARCH SUSPENDED.

ON DECEMBER 20, MRS. BACHER CALLED CONSULATE TO ADVISE THAT
THE SAN FRANCISCO BANK OF AMERICA HAD SENT HER PHOTOCOPIES OF
DOLLARS 1,800.00 OF TRAVELERS CHECKS WHICH BACHER HAD PURCHASED
PRIOR TO HIS TRIP. ALL HAD BEEN CASHED AT BANCO DEL SOL, S.A.,
CULIACAN, SINALOA ON DECEMBER 2. CONSULATE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED

CULIACAN MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF WHO REQUESTED THAT PHOTOCOPIES OF CHECKS BE TURNED OVER TO HIM. PHOTOCOPIES OF CHECKS SENT TO CONSULATE IN MAZATLAN BY MRS. BACHER WERE DELIVERED ON DECEMBER 29, 1976 TO CULIACAN'S MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF WHO PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE. ON DECEMBER 29, CONSULATE AGAIN ASKED CONGEN HERMOSILLO TO DOUBLE CHECK ENTRY INTO MEXICO OF BACHER. THIS TIME, CHECK WAS MADE WITH MEXICAN CUSTOMS WHO VERIFIED BACHER HAD CROSSED BORDER ON NOVEMBER 28, 1976 AND INDICATED HIS DESTINATION WAS SAN BLAS, NAYARIT.

CUSTOMS RECORDS INDICATED HE WAS TRAVELING ALONE IN HIS 1973 WHITE DODGE DART WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATE "BACHER". GIVEN THIS INFORMATION, MRS. BACHER ALSO HAD HER ATTORNEY VERIFY WITH CUSTOMS THAT BACHER CROSSED INTO MEXICO NOVEMBER 28.

ON JANUARY 5, CULIACAN MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF CONTACTED CONSULATE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED PHOTOCOPIES OF TRAVELLERS' CHECKS AND WAS INVESTIGATING.

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ON JANUARY 14, MRS. BACHER INFORMED CONSULATE SHE HAD RECEIVED COPY OF CAR PERMIT ISSUED HER HUSBAND ON NOVEMBER 28 BY CUSTOMS AT BORDER AND SHE POSITIVE SIGNATURE WAS HER HUSBAND'S. SHE FORWARDED COPY TO CONSULATE.

CONSULATE MADE MANY FUTILE ATTEMPTS REACH MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF. ON JANUARY 26 CONSUL TRAVELED TO CULIACAN AND DISCUSSED BACHER CASE WITH STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO HAD SLIGHT KNOWLEDGE OF CASE. CONSUL SHOWED FILE AND BRIEFED HIM, AND HE AGREED TO INVESTIGATE.

CONSUL THEN CALLED ON MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF WHO DUG OUT COPY OF INVESTIGATION DATED JANUARY 6 IN WHICH CHECKS HAD BEEN TRACED THROUGH HANDS OF THREE PERSONS, BEGINNING WITH A USED CAR EMPLOYEE WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY ACCEPTED CHECKS IN PAYMENT FOR SALE OF VEHICLE. CONSUL ASKED POLICE CHIEF WHY INVESTIGATION HAD STOPPED AND RECEIVED REPLY THAT HE HAD UNCOVERED SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO OPEN STATE INVESTIGATION. HE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM CONSULATE FILE WHICH WAS GIVEN HIM ON THE SPOT. HE SAID HE WOULD TURN ALL INFORMATION OVER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

ON FEBRUARY 9, SEVERAL CALLS LATER, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN RESPONSE TO PRODDING FROM CONSUL, INFORMED CONSUL THAT ONE OF HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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AGENTS WOULD CALL AT CONSULATE WITH UPDATE. AGENT APPEARED ON FEBRUARY 9 AND STATED HE HAS SEVERAL POSITIVE CLUES AND CASE SHOULD BE SOLVED WITHIN FIVE DAYS. HIS MEN ARE MAKING INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR BODY WHICH HE BELIEVES IS IN OR NEAR MAZATLAN.

MRS. BACHER HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE FOREGING AND WILL BE INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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